

## CLAIMS

1. A network system that provides software services via a network, comprising:

at least one provider for providing a software service and for collecting information for determining the quality of the service; and

a management site for managing the information collected by the provider.

2. The network system according to Claim 1, wherein the provider collects, as the service history for determining the quality of the service, at least one of the following: the number of times the service has been used, frequency of use of the service, execution time of the service, and maintenance time for the service.

3. A provider that provides software services via a network, comprising:

means for executing processing for at least one software service; and

means for collecting, based on execution of the processing by the executing means, information for determining the quality of the software service, wherein the information is managed by a management site that searches for the software services provided via the network.

4. The provider according to Claim 4, further comprising means for transmitting the information for determining the quality of the software service to the management site.

5. The provider according to Claim 4, wherein the collecting means collects, as the information for determining the quality of the service, service history resulting from executing the processing for the service.

6. A management site that searches for software services provided via a network, comprising:

first means for managing information on the software services; and  
  
second means for managing information for determining the quality of the services on which the first means manages information, wherein the information for determination is collected by a provider that provides the software services.

7. The management site according to Claim 7, wherein

the first means retrieves a service in response to a search request for the service transmitted from a requester via a network;

the second means retrieves information for determining the quality of the service retrieved by the first means; and

the service retrieved by the first means and the information retrieved by the second means for determining the quality of the service are transmitted to the requester.

8. A requester comprising:

means for transmitting a search request for a service to a management site that searches for software services provided via a network;

means for obtaining a service search result including information for determining the quality of services from the management site, wherein the information is collected by a provider that provides the software services:

means for selecting at least one software service based on the obtained search result; and

means for transmitting a request to execute the selected service to the provider.

9. A requester comprising:

means for transmitting a search request for a service to a management site that searches for software services provided via a network;

means for obtaining a service search result including information for determining the quality of services from the management site, wherein the information is collected by a provider that provides the software services: and

means for displaying the service search result on a display so that the service search result reflects the information for determining the quality of the services.

10. A computer program for providing software services via a network, wherein the computer program causes a computer to function as:

means for executing processing for at least one software service; and

means for collecting, based on execution of the processing by the executing means, information for determining the quality of the software service, wherein the information is managed by a management site that searches for the software services provided via the network.

11. The computer program according to Claim 13, further causing the computer to function as means for transmitting the information for determining the quality of the software service to the management site.

12. The computer program according to Claim 13, wherein the collecting means collects, as the information for determining the quality of the service, service history resulting from executing the processing for the service.

13. A computer program for searching for software services provided via a network, wherein the computer program causes a computer to function as:

first means for managing information on the software services; and

second means for managing information for determining the quality of the services on which the first means manages information, wherein the information for determination is collected by a provider that provides the software services.

14. The computer program according to Claim 16, wherein

the first means retrieves a service in response to a search request for the service transmitted from a requester via a network;

the second means retrieves information for determining the quality of the service retrieved by the first means; and

the service retrieved by the first means and the information retrieved by the second means for determining the quality of the service are transmitted to the requester.

15. A computer program for implementing software services provided via a network, wherein the computer program causes a computer to function as:

means for transmitting a search request for a service to a management site that searches for software services provided via a network;

means for obtaining a service search result including information for determining the quality of the services from the management site, wherein the information is collected by a provider that provides the software services:

means for selecting at least one software service based on the obtained search result; and

means for transmitting a request to execute the selected service to the provider.

16. The network system according to Claim 1, wherein the provider comprises means for transmitting the information for determining the quality of the service to the management site.

17. The management site according to Claim 7, comprising third means for obtaining the information for determining the quality of the services via a network from the provider that provides the software services.

18. The requester according to Claim 11 or 12, characterized in that the information for determining the quality of services obtained from the management site is transmitted to the management site via a network from the provider that provides the software services.

19. The computer program according to Claim 16, wherein the computer program causes the computer to function as third means for obtaining the information for determining the quality of the services via a network from the provider that provides the software services.

20. The computer program according to Claim 20, characterized in that the information for determining the quality of the services obtained from the management site is transmitted to the management site via a network from the provider that provides the software services.